

CHAMPS PUT UP DUMB AND SLEEPY EXHIBITION

Numerous Errors of Omission, Force 1-to-0 Victory on Trucks, KIEFL CATCHES GOOD GAME

Former Richmond Player Is Given Cordial Reception by Small Crowd of Fans.

Some dumb and sleepy playing, which came crowding close behind successive wide throws to first by the old reliable, Nelson Sandherr and Thomas Measitt, gave the Truckers a 1-to-0 victory over the Champions yesterday afternoon on the Broad Street lot. The going seemed to be a little heavy for the Colts, but their lead machinery slipped much more frequently than did their feet. The farmer fellows also labored a little in the mud at times, but, with the aid of the brainless playing of last year's pennant winners, they managed to squirm out of a half-dozen bad holes and come under the wire winners by one nose plus the extra after the score because Mr. Black went blind on the play, took a guess, and guessed that it was a little too warm and stuffy for the doctor to be running the bases. After that the umpire appeared to be as blind as any boy over fifteen by night. The climax came in the seventh when he called Pitcher Hamilton, of Portsmouth, out at the plate. Hamilton came racing home after Arthur Smith hauled down Guilehen's long fly to center, and, in sliding into the plate, Hamilton knocked Measitt's feet from under him, and "Pop" fell on the pitcher, bumping him in the ribs with the ball. Just as the scorers were getting ready to mark up a second run for Hamilton, the umpire stayed their pencils with the cry: "You're out."

Teams Did Little Kicking. Both teams appeared to be "sore" on the umpire, but they didn't do very much kicking. It may have been that they were afraid of the five-fingered sign—each representing a silver wheel—or they may have been too sleepy and drowsy to protest. The 1,500 or so fans who were gathered in the park were not afraid of any fines, and were wide-awake, so they were on the job with their hammers.

The one redeeming feature of the game was the catching of George Kiefl. He worked behind the bat like a veteran, and his pegging to second was fast and sure, not a single base being stolen on him. Titman and Nelson were the only Champions to make the attempt, and both were caught a mile off the bat. Kiefl is a favorite with local fans, and was loudly applauded on several occasions.

Kanzler Makes Good Catch. Jay Kanzler inserted a small pinch of ginger into the proceedings in the second chapter when he rushed over to the picket fence in front of the bleachers and nabbed Schrader's foul fly with one hand. The atmosphere was a little damp, however, and the ginger thus brought forth weakened

Colts and Farmers in Double Bill This Afternoon :: Baseball Gossip

The Champions and the Truckers will play a double-header at Broad Street Park this afternoon, the first game beginning at 2:45 o'clock and the second game starting ten minutes after the conclusion of the first. Revell will work in one of the games for the Colts, and either Jack Ashton or Curtis Walker will work in the second. Foxen and Clann will pitch for the Truckers, and for Portsmouth. It was announced early in the season that no double-headers would be played here until after July 9, but the plan was changed because the Truckers make only two more visits here this season, and the Colts already have two postponed games to play off with them in Richmond.

Although he did not seem to be very wins at the best, Arthur Busey had the Truckers guessing throughout the game, and had been given good support, the visitors would never have had a chance to score.

Hamilton pitched a steady game for Portsmouth, and, at the critical stages, his break balls were working well, he had a good change of pace and perfect control.

Kiefl is proving a valuable man to the Truckers. He fills McCauley's shoes in the state, and he never loses his head, as McCauley does occasionally. It's a pity Richmond couldn't keep this young player.

Richmond, Danville and Norfolk lead well bunched. The Champions lead

Danville by just one full game and lead the Tars by only three full games. If Roanoke, Portsmouth and Norfolk will take a split now, the race will prove a thriller.

Watch the Tars. They'll be heard from before the season is many weeks older.

That game yesterday was just about the limit. The field was heavy and some of the errors of commission were due to the numerous errors of omission were not excusable on any grounds.

Mr. Black seemed to have an off-day yesterday. He wanted much kicking by the players against his decisions, and it looked very much as if they didn't care.

Whalen made his debut in right field for the Truckers, and, while his fall was a hit, he showed his position well, nabbing drives by Smith and Sieber that looked good for one sack at least.

The exhibition of the Champions was painful to a degree.

Roanoke made only one hit off Loos at Danville, and last night the Buglers scored a hit by playing from the back of the Creole. The next week, however, the Colts will not make a run-away of it in this series.

The Champs tackle the Tars at Norfolk Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Judging from the performance of the Creole, the next week, however, the Colts will not make a run-away of it in this series.

Virginia League.

SCORES YESTERDAY.
Portsmouth, 1; Richmond, 0.
Danville, 8; Roanoke, 0.
Norfolk-Lynchburg (rain).

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Year.
Richmond	10	12	.455	.550
Danville	10	13	.435	.565
Norfolk	17	15	.531	.469
Roanoke	15	18	.455	.545
Lynchburg	12	19	.387	.613
Portsmouth	12	19	.387	.613

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY.

Portsmouth at Richmond.
(Two games.)
Lynchburg at Norfolk.
Roanoke at Danville.

rapidly and its strength was gone before the third round was half over.

The Truckers showed their lone run over the pan in the third. Or, to be more correct, the Colts showed it over for them. Kiefl led off with a grounder to Sandherr and was safe on a wide throw. Hamilton laid down a bunt, and Measitt threw wide to Ison at first, both runners being safe. Maher bunted down the first-base line and Kanzer threw Kiefl out to Lipe. Billett hit a short single to left and Sieber came in on the ball rapidly, and felled it well. Lipe failed to cover third fast and the chance of retiring Hamilton was lost. Guilehen laid down a bunt, but no one covered first. Hamilton counted, and the bases were full again. Wolf hit to Busey, who retired Maher at the plate and Sandherr ended the round by making a nice running catch of Schrader's fly behind third.

The Champs had an excellent opportunity to tie the count up in the eighth. Lipe went out, but Kanzer cracked a single to center and Maher led Smith's hot drive get through him, Jay Kanzler hit to center, and the second to draw Kiefl's throw to that bag in order to give Kanzer a chance to score. Kiefl threw to Guilehen, but Jay hugged third and watched Guilehen and Schrader run Smith down between the bases. Then Whalen made a nice catch of Sieber's bang to right and the game was lost.

The following figures show the errors of commission, but, unfortunately, not those of omission:

Richmond.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Year.
Lipe, 2b.	4	0	1.000	0.000
Kanzler, 1b.	4	0	1.000	0.000
Smith, 3b.	4	0	1.000	0.000
Guilehen, 2b.	4	0	1.000	0.000
Wolf, cf.	4	0	1.000	0.000
Sieber, 1b.	4	0	1.000	0.000
Sandherr, ss.	2	1	0.667	0.333
Whalen, 2b.	4	0	1.000	0.000
Ison, 2b.	4	0	1.000	0.000
Measitt, c.	4	0	1.000	0.000
Busey, p.	4	0	1.000	0.000

Portsmouth.

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Maher, 1b.	2	0	1.000	0.000
Billett, 1b.	2	0	1.000	0.000
Guilehen, 2b.	2	0	1.000	0.000
Wolf, cf.	2	0	1.000	0.000
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